

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8665

Petition of BDE Grand Isle Solar, LLC for a)
certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A.)
§ 248, authorizing the installation and operation of)
a 5.0 MW ground-mounted solar array at 109 Allen)
Road in Grand Isle, Vermont)

Order entered: 1/13/2016

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
AND SCHEDULING ORDER

On November 24, 2015, BDE Grand Isle Solar, LLC (the “Petitioner”) filed a petition for a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, authorizing the installation and operation of a 5.0 MW solar electric generation facility off Allen Road in Grand Isle, Vermont.

On January 11, 2016, I held a prehearing conference in this docket. Appearances were entered by: Joslyn Wilschek, Esq., Primmer Piper Eggleston Cramer PC, on behalf of the Petitioner; Jeanne Elias, Esq., on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service; and Randy Miller, Esq., on behalf of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

At the prehearing conference, the parties discussed a proposed schedule, including dates for a public hearing. I adopt the proposed schedule, as set forth below. The schedule establishes dates based on the filing of a stipulation by the parties, as well as additional dates in the event that outstanding issues remain.

January 20, 2016	First round of discovery served on Petitioner
February 3, 2016	Responses to first round of discovery due
February 3, 2016	Site visit ¹ and public hearing
February 10, 2016	Final deadline for motions to intervene

1. The site visit will begin at 3:30 P.M.

Ongoing	Responses to motions to intervene to be filed within five business days after initial motion is filed.
March 2, 2016	Second round of discovery served on Petitioner
March 11, 2016	Responses to second round of discovery due
<u>If a consensus stipulation is filed</u>	
March 21, 2016	Parties file stipulation
April 5, 2016	Tentative technical hearing ² if consensus stipulation is reached
<u>If outstanding issues remain</u>	
April 4, 2016	Deadline for non-petitioners to file testimony
April 8, 2016	Discovery served on non-petitioners
April 25, 2016	Responses to discovery on non-petitioners due
May 6, 2016	Deadline for rebuttal testimony
May 25, 2016	Tentative technical hearing ³

Because the case is being heard by a Hearing Officer, parties need file only an original and three copies of all filings and one copy of discovery requests and responses. Electronic filings with the Public Service Board and to parties, in addition to the required hard copies, are requested to the extent possible, particularly for testimony, exhibits, and briefs. An electronic filing may be submitted as an attachment to an e-mail sent to psb.clerk@vermont.gov, or it may be on a CD or DVD delivered along with the paper copy. Parties need file only a single copy of the CD or DVD. Parties filing electronic versions of documents may file them in WordPerfect, Word, Excel, .rtf, or .pdf (Adobe) formats. Parties filing in .pdf format should ensure that their documents are not locked, so that text can be selected and copied from their documents.

SO ORDERED.

2. The technical hearing would begin at 1:30 P.M.

3. The technical hearing would begin at 9:30 A.M.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 13th day of January, 2016.

s/Andrea C. McHugh

Andrea C. McHugh
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: January 13, 2016

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Acting Clerk of the Board

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